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SURVEY OF AGRICULTURAL DATA FOR THE USSR, JUNE 1953

This report presents information, from June 1953 Soviet newspapers, on agriculture in the USSR as a whole and in 12 union republics. Progress and statistical data are given on the following: sown area, crops, mechanization, fertilization,

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.7

USSR

By 5 June 1953, sovkhozes of the USSR had sown spring crops on 170,000 more hectares, and kolkhozes of the country on one million more hectares than as of

In the country as a whole, the plans for sowing of spring wheat, sunflowers, cotton, sugar beets, and annual grasses were exceeded; almost 2.5 million more hectures were sown to these crops in 1953 than were sown in 1952.(1)

Estonian SSR

In 1953, weather conditions in the republic have favored the growth of natural and sown grasses, so that a good harvest can be obtained from kolkhoz fields and meadows. Leading kolkhozes have begun grass moving and ensilage storage and are striving to complete this work in 15-20 days.(2)

Belorussian SSR

In 1953, kolkhozes of the republic carried out sowing of spiked grain crops in a more orderly manner than in 1952; they fulfilled the plan for sowing of spiked grain crops 111.2 percent. In 1953, they sowed 90,000 more hectares of spring wheat than in 1952. Sowing of sugar beets was successfully completed. The plan for sowing of fodder root crops was fulfilled 118.7 percent.(3)

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Kolkhozes of Pinnkaya Oblast fulfilled the 1953 plan for planting of potatoes; they planted 3,000 more hectares than in 1952.(4)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for application of local fertilizers to kolkhoz fields of the republic:

	10 Jur	15 Jun (6)	
Oblast	Manure	Peat	Manure
Baranobichskaya	88.8	49.8	92.1
Bobruyskaya	68.5	29.5	69.9
Brestskaya	35.4	20.3	87.0
Gomel'skaya	64.5	27.2	66.0
Grodnenskaya	93.6	40.5	96.0
Minskaya	60.8	18.7	62.4
Mogilevskaya	74.1	6.4	76.8
Molodechnenskaya	94.0	44.2	96.7
Pinskaya	67.1	18.8	67.5
Polesskaya	69.5	20.2	70.4
Polotskayr	55.1	18.7	57.1
Vitebskaya	41.8	4.2	43.9
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Ukrainian SSR

In 1953, it is planned to harvest 97 percent of all grain crops in Kirovo-gradskaya Oblast with combines.(7)

The grasslands of the Ukraine are in good condition this year. By 18 June, more than 600,000 hectares had already been harvested for hay and ensilage; 240,000 more metric tons of early ensilage had been stored than as of this date in 1952.(3)

An interkolkhoz rural electric power station has been put into operation in the rayon center of Mlinov on the Ikva River. Its capacity is 360 kilowatts. Twenty kolkhozes took part in its construction.(9)

Moldavian SSR

In 1952, gross agricultural production in the republic was almost 1.5 times as great as in 1950. In 1952, the state received from kolkhozes of the republic 2.2 times as much grain, 2 times as many vegetables, 2.8 times as many grapes, and 2.2 times as much fruit as in 1949.(10)

The following table chows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for harvesting of sown and natural grasses and for storage of ensilage in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 5 June (11):

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<u>Okrug</u>	Sown Grasses	Natural Grasses	Ensilage
Bel'tskiy	15.9	8.5	1.5
Kagur'skiy	13.0	6.1	4.6
Kishinevskiy	14.3	4.2	0.7
Tiraspol'skiy	9.9	3.9	1.9

As of 1 June, the 1953 plan for repair of combines in MTS of the republic had been fulfilled only 66.9 percent; in MTS of Kishinevskiy and Kagul'skiy okrugs, the plan had been fulfilled only 63 percent as of this date.(12)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for repair of combines in MTS of the republic, as of 5 June (11):

Okrug	All Repair		Capital Repair	
Bel'tskiy	73.0	* .•	37.4	
Kagul'skiy	65.2		49.0	
Kishinevskiy	70.2	• .•	30.5	
Tiraspol'skiy	69.3		47.6	

Georgian SSR

In 1953, 50,000 more hectares of grain crops are to be harvested by combine than in 1952. About 500 mechanized threshing floors have been organized in kelkhozes of the republic.(13)

Armenian SSR

As of 26 June, cotton was developing well in Armenia as a result of high-quality cultivation and warm days. The plants were developing buds almost everywhere; they were expected to begin flowering within a few days on fields sown early.(14)

The Aknerskaya GES in Gorisskiy Rayon has gone into operation. The new power station will provide two thirds of the kolkhozes in the rayon with power.(15)

RSFSR

Kolkhozes and sovkhozes of Leningradskaya Oblast fulfilled the 1953 plan for sowing of grain and legume crops on 1 June; the plan for sowing of spring wheat was fulfilled 112 percent. (16)

Kolkhozes of Altayskiy Kray completed planting of potatoes on 5 June; 8,000 more hectares were planted than in 1952. In 1953, twice as many vegetables and cucurbits are being planted as in 1952.(17)

Until recently, almost all potatoes and vegetables were brought to the Kamchatka Peninsula from the continent. Now, scores of kolkhozes and sovkhozes are successfully growing agricultural crops on Kamchatka. Individual truck gardening has also been developed widely. This year, 70,000 families of fishermen, timber workers, other workers, and employees have their own truck gardens.(18)

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Construction of the Chaadayevskaya GES on the Sura River, the largest rural hydroelectric power station in Penzenskaya Oblast, has been completed. The station has a capacity of 400 kilowatts. It will provide power for six kolkhozes in Gorodishchenskiy Rayon, a hog-raising sovkhoz, an MTS, and the village of Chaadayevka. (19)

Kazakh SSR

Kolkhozes of the republic fulfil . the 1953 plan for sowing of spring crops. Almost 300,000 more hectares of wheat were sown than planned.(20)

Uzbek SSR

Mass harvesting of spiked grain crops was in progress in kolkhozes of Kashka-Dar'inskaya Oblast by 12 June. The yield is generally higher than in

During the postwar years, the cotton yield has risen by almost 53 percent in the republic. More than 150 kolkhozes in the republic are, year after year, obtaining yields of over 30 quintals per bottare. Rayons in which the average Abadskiy, Altyn-Kul'skiy, Ordzhonikidzevskiy, Nizhne-Chirchikskiy, Tyurya-Kurganskiy, and others.

In 1953, MTS of the republic have received additional tractors for row-crop cultivation and plowing. In 1953, kolkhozes and sovkhozes of the republic will receive about one million metric tons of mineral fertilizers.(22)

Turkmen SSR

During the postwar years, the republic has made considerable progress in cotton growing. From 1946 through 1952, the area sown to cotton increased by 33 percent and the yield rose by 50 percent; the gross harvest in 1952 was 201 percent of that in 1946. In 1953, the cotton growers of the republic have pledged to produce 80,000 more metric tons of cotton than in 1952.(23)

Tadzhik SSR

In 1953, the cotton growers of the republic have pledged to produce and deliver to the state 117,000 more metric tons of cotton than in 1952.(24)

Kirgiz SSR

As of 25 May, the 1953 plan for sowing of spring grain crops had been fullfilled 103.2 percent in the republic as a whole; the plan for sowing of wheat had been fulfilled 114 percent. However, the plans for planting of vegetables and potatoes and for sowing of fodder root crops, ensilage crops, and perennial grasses were being fulfilled unsatisfactorily as of this date. (25)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for planting of vegetables and potatoes and procurement of fodder in kolkhozes of the republic:

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<u>JealdO</u>	Vegetables Planted	Potatoes Planted	Natural Grasses Mowed	Sown Grasses Mowed	Ensilage Stored
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Dzhalal-Abadskaya	62.1	82.0	6.8	32.6	
Frunzenskaya	61.1	53.0	2.0	39.0	
Issyk-Kul'skeya	86.6	104.0	÷ 79		•
Oshskaya	77.2	72.6	1.1	19.3	
Talasskaya	62.5	. 56.2	0.1	8.9	
Tyan'-Shan'skaya	84.0	52.0		~-	
		10 Jun (27)		•	
Dzhalal-Abadskaya	62.9	86.0	10.8	32.6	12.6
Frunzenskaya	61.8	56.1	4.7	50.0	1.8
Issyk+Kul'skaya	86.6	104.0			
Oshskaya	82.2	76.3	3.7	32.2	6.0
Talasskaya	67.5	56.2	0.5	16.8	0.2
Tyan'-Shan'skaya	92.0	54 ° O			
	_	15 Jun (28)			
Dzhalal-Abadskaya	66.4	88.0	15.7	54.8	20.4
Frunzenskaya	62.6	56.1	4.7	62.9	3.3
Issyk-Kul'skaya	88.8	99.5	0.7	1.0	-,-
Oshskaya	82.7	77.3	6.5	41.1	9.2
Talasskaya	70.0	56.2	0.7	30.8	0.2
Tyan'-Shan'skaya	92.0	54.0	→ 4.	=a	
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Dzhalal-Abadskaya			22.4	62.9	27.2
Frunzenskaya			7-7	77.4	6.8
Issyk-Kul'skaya			0.7	7.1	1.3
Oshskaya			10.4	52.0	17.7
Talasskaya			1.9	50.8	1.2
Tyan'-Shan'skaya					



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In 1952, the medicinal poppy was planted for experimental purposes on various plots in Kochkorskiy, Cholporskiy, and Dzhumtal'skiy rayons. Good various parts in Accheorskiy, Cholperskiy, and Denumeal Skiy Rayons. Good results were obtained from these initial plantings. In 1953, the new crop was planted by many kolkhozes in Narynskiy, Atbashinskiy, and Kulanakskiy rayons. The plantings sprouted well and were being cultivated by kolkhoz workers at the end of June (30)

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